#### **EXHIBIT OF MINIATURES** AMONG FINEST SEEN HERE

Work of Miss Siboni, at Lieber Salesroom, Ranks with that of Amalie Kuessner.

NINE PORTRAITS SHOWN

One of the most beautiful collections of miniatures ever shown in Indianapolis is liatures are by Miss Emma Siboni. who, though a native of Denmark, may fairly be claimed as an American artist, as she received her first instruction in art under William Chase in New York. Miss Siboni has just returned from a stay of three years abroad, during which time she painted miniatures of a number of notable personages, and her miniatures have been compared favorably with those of Amalie Kuessner.

The exhibit includes only nine portraits, everal of which are among those done in er recent visit abroad. Of these there are three of rare beauty-portraits of Countess Sophy Tesdorpf, of Copenhagen, and her daughter, Countess Fritze Tesdorpf; and that of Miss Ulla Anderson, of Denmark.
The latter is perhaps the most beautiful
of all in its general effect; the graceful
head and shoulders of the girl showing
against a background of soft tones, which blend harmoniously with the warm red sold of her hair and the dull blue of her own. The miniature of the Countess lesdorpf shows a woman of stately patrician beauty, and that of her daughter is an exquisitely delicate, yet vivid study of fair-haired, brown-eyed girl. The minature of Miss Augusta Lautz, of Buffalo,

Miss Siboni's work is deserving of the varmest commendation, combining as it ioes faithfulness in portraiture with exmisite color effects and delicate handling. The other miniatures in the collection inide those of the Baroness Von Rheinbaben, of Berlin, Germany; Donald Han-son, of Berlin; Miss Louise Frank, of Mil-waukee; Miss Marie Schade, and a litttle Italian boy.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

The Habakkuk Club of the Trinity Con-Ora Fisher, 1006 Harlan street, last night. "Japan and Russia" will be the subject of ecture given by Dr. Eiliro Takasugi at he Central-avenue Methodist Church on Friday night, May 20.

The official board of Hall-place M. E. Church will give a reception to the mem-bers of the church and their friends Friday evening, May 13. Fassett A. Cotton, state superintendent of public instruction, went to Greenfield last night to deliver an address at the high

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Meridian-street Church will meet with Mrs. E. M. Campbell in Woodruff

Place this afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. E. M. Campbell, Woodruff Place, will entertain the W. F. M. S. of the Meridian-street M. E. Church at her home this

afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. On Friday evening, May 20, a benefit concert will be given for the Indiana In-dustrial Home for Blind Men. The cohcert will take place at Tomlinson Hall, and a fine programme has been arranged. The State Museum has recently been proded with two new exhibit cases. It has

placed in them, but they will probably be The Woman's Missionary Society of the cond Presbyterian Church will hold its May meeting in the church parlors Wednesiay afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A very interesting programme has been prepared. The Lazarre Club gave one of the last dances of the season at Brenneke's Hall Club will enjoy their last dance to-night, as will the Laurel Club to-morrow night. Mrs. John L. Benedict, 2245 North Meridan street, was hostess to the Standard Bearers of the Roberts Park Church last night. "The World's Outlook for Girlhood"

Was the subject of a paper read by Miss The plat for the new University Heights iddition filed by William L. Elder with the County Commissioners was approved by that body yesterday. The addition is located one mile south of Garfield Park, along the line of the J., M. & I. Railway. More than forty letters have been received by Secretary Hoover, of the Commercial Club, in which the pupils and teachers of the public schools express their satisfaction with the results they have attained by planting and cultivating gardens. At the Red Men's celebration of St. Tammany next Sunday the parade will be given in four divisions. M. C. Mayhugh, of Hiawatha Tribe, will be grand marshal, and will be assisted by six aids. Delega-tions from Clermont, Plainfield, Green-castle and Lizton will be here for the cele-

Several prize-winning agents, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York left, here last night for St. Louis, where they will be shown the exposition for a week at the expense of the company. George C. Webb, of this city, who stood ghest of any of the agents, could not go then, but will make the trip later on.

The Rev. Allan B. Philputt, pastor of the Central Christian Church, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate ss before the senior class of Kentucky University on Sunday, June 6, at Lexington. The Rev. Burris J. Jenkins, formerly president of the University of adianapolis, but now president of Kentucky University, tendered Rev. Philputt the invitation to deliver the address.

Monday the retail furniture dealers of the State will meet in this city in annual state convention. Headquarters for the perchants will be at the Grand Hotel. where all of the sessions will be held. The nvention will be the guests of the local urniture Dealers' Association, and the furniture manufacturers of Indianapolis are arranging to assist in the entertainment of the delegates.

Suffers Paralytic Stroke.

John Wolf, 903 North Capitol avenue, suffered a paralytic stroke while walking near Senate avenue and Twelfth street. He was arried to the office of Dr. Osendorff and was afterword removed to his home in the Dispensary ambulance.

#### REWARD IS OFFERED FOR BURGLAR WHO SHOT BURK

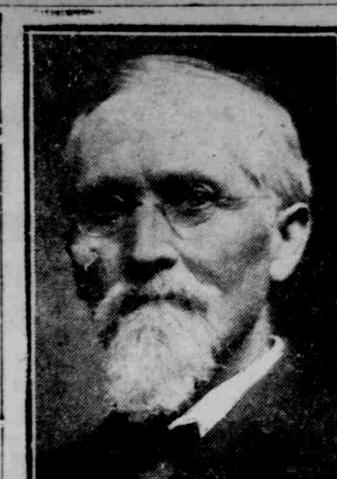
of Guilty Man-Burk's Condition Is Improving.

As an incentive to greater effort toward the apprehension of the burglar who shot and wounded Patrolman Hanford Burk last | secretary of state's office yesterday. week, Superintendent Kruger has decided to offer a reward of \$100 for the arrest of by popular subscription among the members of the force and their friends. It is inal be caught and an example made of

Dr. Cook, who has charge of Burk at the City Hospital, is now reasonably confident that one bullet made all three of the lower eds and that the ball entered the groin after passing in and out of the thigh, as stated in the Journal some days ago. It is the surgeon's opinion that the bullet is lodged in the bone or is right against t. Up to the present time there has been tely no infection, and should this tion continue for three days longer the patient will be entirely out of danger.

HOMEOPATHS TO MEET TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

The Indiana Homeopathic Association will meet at the Denison Hotel to-day and to-morrow. Many speakers have been annced. All of the addresses will be conerning the profession. A large attendance expected as a great many doctors of school of homeopathy have promised | Fisheck, Frank Seitz. L. Monroe, Louisville; E. H. Pratt, Chirago; C. E. Sawyer, Marion, O.; Morris J. F. Greathouse, G. W. Foertach. funt, Columbus, O., and Moses P. Runsels, Kansas City.



GEORGE W. STANLEY. City Building Inspector, Who Pushed New

### NEW BUILDING ORDINANCE

quires theaters and public halls to be fire proof in every appointment. Asylums, hospitals and school buildings must be equaly fire proof if more than two stories in height, and hotels, tenement and apartment houses, if more than three stories in height. In the case of factories and business buildings the ordinance requires them to be fire proof if more than six stories in height. Most stringent laws have been laid in regard to local theaters-those already built or hereafter built-in respect to fire

All such places of amusement, now erected, shall be required to conform to requirements with respect to wiring, curtains, exits, stage lights, automatic sprinklers, fire protection and water service and all matters pertaining to the protection of egational Church met at the home of life. For violation of this section a fine of from \$10 to \$190 may be levied.

Another feature of the ordinance is that provides for a smoke inspector, whose steam rooms of those buildings where a | in a passenger car which collided with the great amount of coal is used and see that | "limited" in North Anderson. Several of apparatus to prevent the black and heavy | the passengers were injured, and both cars smoke is used. The ordinance provides for | were damaged. The hearing of the case violation of this section a fine of not less | will be continued this morning. than \$10 and not more than \$100.

The ordinance requires that all building permits for repairs, removals, construction, ete., must be obtained directly from the building inspector. This provision of the ordinance also allows repairs the cost of which are less than \$25 to be made without away of a stone wall, the change in a flue or any work which might give rise to accident. The present building ordinance requires a permit to be secure no matter how small the repair. The fees for permits for new buildings and additions are set for one cent for every cubic foot of contents. Permits for interior alterations shall cost 50 cents for every \$500 of the cost of alteration, providing the permit fee shall be less

Special attention is paid to the material to be used in the construction of buildings. Structural materials shall be subjected to not been definitely decided what shall be such tests as will determine their character before it may be used. In the interior furnishings of buildings the specifications require the greatest possible safety and permanence. The ordinance prohibits the construction of any brick or stone veneered quires that the height of stories, regardless of thickness of walls, must not exceed eleven feet for the first story, fifteen feet for ast night. The members of the Oraesempre' the second, and fourteen feet for the average height of all stories above the second

Another provision of the ordinance requires that in the tearing down of a builddampened with water in order to prevent the dust from flying around the neighborhood. Further, Section 107 of the ordinance prohibits hereafter the erection of any building the outside walls of which are constructed of wood, except grain elevators, to be more than three stories in

Section 134 and those following pertain to signboards, etc. They require permits to be taken out before signboards can be raised and order that when on top of a building they must not be more than ten feet in height, and where they may interfere with the fire department they shall be provided with doors.

YOUNG BRITON'S STORY GETS A JOB FOR HIM

His arrest and imprisonment in the city jail proved to be a help instead of a detriment to John Ackroyd, nineteen years of age, whose home is in Manchester, England. His story, told in Monday's Journal, attracted the attention of George Fulwell, president of the Denison Hotel Company, who went to the police station and had a talk with the young stranger. He was convinced that the boy was sincere, and only wanted a chance to go out and work. Mr. Fulwell promised him employment, and Judge Whallon was glad to discharge the prisoner. Ackroyd is now employed as fireman in the engine room at the Denison Hotel, and has a vastly improved opinion of American laws and institutions.

Will Address Funeral Directors. W. P. Hohenschuh, one of the bestknown embalmers in the country, will de liver five lectures before the Indiana Funeral Directors' Association, which will meet at the Denison on May 17, 18 and 19. Other speakers of national reputation will

Two Bound Over to Grand Jury. Walter Spinner and Clay Morrison appeared in Police Court yesterday morning and were bound over to the grand jury

#### Spinner is held on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill and Morrison on the charge of criminal assault. MAMMOTH OIL COMPANIES

ARE INCORPORATED HERE

Police Will Give \$100 for Arrest Capital Stock Aggregates Over Half a Million Dollars-Other Incorporations.

Oil companies agregating over a halfmillion dollars were incorporated in the The Wagner Oil Company, of Bluffton, with a capital stock of \$300,000, was the largest enterprise. Among the many prominent men of that part of the State who are in the company, W. A. Kunkel, James he great desire of the authorities that this | F. Bippus and Hugh Dougherty are named as directors. The other directors are J. W. Fristoe, Thomas H. Wagner, A. W. Lambert, and H. J. Tillotson, all of Chicago, This company proposes to drill oil wells as well as carry on a refining business. The Gas Belt Oil Company, with a capitalization of \$150,000, will have its main office at Muncie, W. E. Hitchcock, A. L. Johnson, John B. Cockrum, J. M. Woods, George A. O'Neil, T. F. Hart and C. H. Anthony are named as directors. The Kuroki Oil Company is composed of men from the Pennsylvania and West Virginia oil fields, and is capitalized at \$100 .-000. The directors are O. P. and J. F.

Boggs, W. H. Zahnizer, E. M. Neff and E. R. Stevner. Other incorporations were: The Bloomington Home Telephone Company, of Bloomington. Capital stock, \$150,-000; directors, J. D. Showers, W. D. Bradfute, Ed L. Barber, Q. C. Monteith. The St. Jerome Canoe Club, Vigo coun-Directors, Harley Watkins, Frank The Union Realty Company, of Rockport. Capital, \$10,000; directors, H. C. Trenary, The Rokeby Realty Company, Wilming-

ton, Del., was admitted to Indiana.

#### CRAWFORD MUST GO TO JAIL OR AVOID INDIANAPOLIS

Former Railroad Official, Fined for Contempt of Court, Is on Sheriff's Books.

JUDGE IS IN EARNEST

Harry Crawford, formerly connected with the Indiana Midland Railroad Company, and who a short time ago was fined for contempt of court by Juage Leathers the Superior Court, will have to steer clear of Indianapolis or subject himself to a ten days' imprisonment in the county jail and payment of a fine of \$100. Yesterday a warrant for Crawford's commitment was placed in the hands of the county sheriff with orders to serve it whenever Crawford chances to come within the jurisdiction of the court. Crawford was adjudged in contempt for his refusal to produce in court a certain contract for the transfer of the Indiana Midland Railroad to President M. E. Ingalls, of the Big Four Railroad Company.

APPEAL IS BASED ON VERY UNUSUAL GROUND

NOW BEFORE CITY COUNCIL Elkhart Man Affirms that Theft of Clothing from a Car Constitutes Embezzlement.

> On the ground that taking clothing from a car constitutes embezzlement, John Grifserve a year in the Reformatory for taking a coat and three vests from a car on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, has appealed his case to the Supreme Court. His contention is that no evidence was introduced at his trial to prove that he was guilty of larceny.

Sues Union Traction

Company for \$25,000 The case of Louis Burnstein against the Union Traction Company was tried yesterday in the Federal Court. Burnstein has entered a suit against the company to recover \$25,000 damages as the result of injuries he claims to have received in a col-

Grand Jury to Be Impaneled. The grand jury will be impaneled this

morning in the District Court. There is an exceptionally light docket for the coming

> THE COURT RECORD. SUPERIOR COURT.

Room 3-Vinson Carter, Judge. Ruby P. Durand vs. Eugene Saulcy, sheriff; replevin. Finding for defendant. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. Adjudged that plaintiff return to defendant Robert Metzger, sheriff, certain property taken under writ of replevin, or in default pay \$240. Eugene A. Dolle, receiver, vs. Edward F. Claypool et al.; mechanic's lien. On trial

CIRCUIT COURT. Henry Clay Allen, Judge. In the matter of Rocco L. Laptenia to be admitted to practice law. Dismissed for want of prosecution. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. Jennie Jordan vs. William C. Jordan. Plaintiff dismisses cause. Judgment against Ida O. Hay vs. Henry Hay. Submitted to court. Finding and decree of divorce for plaintiff. Plaintiff given custody of minor child, Helen S. Hay. Judgment against M. O'Leary vs. Jeremiah O'Leary. Dismissed by plaintiff. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. David Bradford vs. Lulu Bradford. Dismissed for want of prosecution. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. Mila Cain vs. James C. Cain. Dismissed

by plaintiff. Judgment against plaintiff for Bessie Wright vs. Ivy E. Wright. Submitted to court. Finding for plaintiff. Decree of divorce. Custody of minor child, Morris L., given plaintiff. Plaintiff forbidden to marry for two years. Charles Cory vs. Elsie Cory. Submitted to court. Evidence heard in part. Charles Taylor vs. Eliza Taylor. Dismissed by plaintiff. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

NEW SUITS FILED. Bessie F. Clark vs. Forrest W. Clarke: divorce. Superior Court Deliley Catherine Owens vs. City of dianapolis; damages. Superior Court. Margaret J. Schuell vs. George D. Schuell; divorce. Superior Court.

HIGHER COURTS' RECORD.

SUPREME COURT. -Minutes .-20276. George W. Turner et al. vs. Jo-seph Lay et al. Jay C. C. Appellees' brief United States Express Company vs. State of Indiana. Howard C. C. Appellant's brief (8.) 19950. Henry W. Mordhurst vs. Fort Wayne & Southwestern Traction Company. Allen C. C. Appellant's additional author-

Plate Glass Company. Howard S. C. Apeliee's petition and brief (8) for rehear 20294. Isaac V. Speck vs. Lewis Kenoyer et al. Newton C. C. Appellee's brief (8.) the vault. At this juncture Godfrey has found APPELLATE COURT.

-Minutes .-5186. The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Portland, Me., vs. Hiram J. Adler, administrator. Warrick C. C. Appellant's brief (8.) 4279. The London Guarantee and Accident Company vs. Milse Sivy. Lake C. C. Appellee's additional authorities (8) and peti-

Collier Shovel Stamping Company vs. City of Washington. Pike C. C. Appellee's memorandums and motion to dis-Appellant's affidavit and brief (8) 4649. Chicago & Erie Railroad Company vs. Edward L. Fox, by next friend. Porter C. C. Appellant's petition to remove to Superior Court. 4706. The City of Huntington vs. John Lusch. Huntington C. C. Appellant's petition and brief (8) for rehearing. 5072. The City of Bluffton et al. Charles M. Miller. Wells C. C. Appellants' additional authorities (8.)

-New Suit .-John Griffiths vs. State of Indiana. Elkhart C. C. Record. Assignment of errors. Joinder. Submitted under Rule 19.

#### Daily Illustrated Joke



SPITEFUL. O'Rourke (who is being lowered down a well)-Hold on, Oi want to come up agin. Finnegan-An' what phor?

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### THE VIKING'S SKULL

A Tale of a Mystery and Its Solution

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters. A young English woman, with her young son takes lodgings in a little village in Brittany in order to be near her husband, who is in a prison few miles away, sent there for a murder o which his wife believes him not guilty. An ancient runic ring, which tradition said had been made by Odin, figured in the quarrel with the naurdered man, and this ring the mother one day showed to her son. Then she told him the story became a man to find the real murderer and clear his father's name. The same night the runic ring was stolen by a masked robber, and shortly after the father, having escaped from prison, was recaptured in his wife's room, and in the fight accidentally shot and killed her. On being taken back to prison he was rescued and carried off by friends. This is the prologue to the main story, which begins with the return of Marville to the house of his father, the Earl of Ormsby, who had not known where his son had been. At his father's death he assumed the title, married and had a son. To his first wife's son he gave no heed for some unexplained reason, but later heard that he was dead. The second son returned from his travels after comoleting his education and brought with him a 20219. William H. Voris vs. Pittsburg mysterious casket, which a wakeful guest in the house watched him convey secretly to the family vault. The earl wished his son to marry a young and wealthy cousin, Beatrice, and he uctantly consented. It was this cousin's halfbrother Godfrey who saw the casket hidden in Idris Marville, who now calls himself Break spear, that being the name his mother had borne while in Brittany. Godfrey does not know of Marville's relationship to the earl nor has the son discovered it himself. Breakspear has come however, to follow up a faint clew. In wandering about the church he meets a mademoiselle

Lorelie Riviere, who evidently has a connection with the mystery. [Chapter IV. Continued from Yesterday.] "Precisely," said Godfrey, "inasmuch as

that is an old Norse drinking-horn. But we are interrupting Idris's story.' "The sight of this inscription naturally interested me," continued Idris, "and I resolved to make an attempt at its decipher- | self. ment, in the hope that it might cast a ray of light upon the mystery of Duchesne's murder, for I have always held to the belief that he was assassinated for the sake of the altar-ring. With this view I procured the services of a professor eminent for his knowledge of Norse antiquities, and | to Odin and the gods of Valhalla, but to an

this inscription, and to pronounce what I | ring. supposed were syllables and words; but syllables and words would not yield any sense. And here and there came a juxtaposition of consonants quite unpronounceable. To add to the difficulty there were no spaces of thy sire Orm, the Golden, wilt thou find to show where one word ended and another | the treasure won by his high arm. The began. All the characters were equally | noontide shadow of the oft-carried throne close together and seemed to form one long word. I did my best to break the in- fires of the Esas guard thy heritage for scription up into its component parts, but | thee .- Farewell.' failed. I could not distinguish one familiar Either the language was not old "is the secret of Odin's Ring: and though, Norse, or the professor had taught me as I have said, I was disappointed at first,

wrongly. "Why did you not lay the inscription be get him to decipher it for you?" "Because I did not wish any one to know the secret till I myself had first ascertained its value. In the belief that it might be

tion I had hitherto exercised, and placed spot where it was originally placed. Althe writing before my tutor; but, eminent lowing these premises, what is the conclurunologist as he was, he could extract no sion? meaning from it. "Anxious to begin the search for my themselves of this treasure. father. I parted from the Norse professor; Europe, I never quite gave up the hope hit upon the placeof being able to decipher the inscription. "Now, a few weeks ago, it occurred to some trace of your father." me that the art of secret writing may have course, but it made me no wiser, upon me, and was not to be shaken off. As you perceive, it is a four-line inscription; therefore read downwards, combining the of this unknown Viking, who, granting the

By JOHN R. CARLING : : : Copyright by Little, Brown & Co. tried the plan of omitting every alternate letter. I seemed as far off as ever." "But you succeeded in the end," said

"Yes. By playing at random with the letment. Observe this character." continued Idris, pointing to one in the first line, shaped thus . "It is called Hagl, and corresponds to our H. As it is slightly larger than the other letters, I had come to regard it as the initial one in the series, and the sequel proved that I was correct. Begin-sound of the breakers. We shall not err, ning with this Hagl, I omitted the three therefore, if we confine our attention to following letters, taking the fifth, which corresponds to our i.

'That gives us H-i," said Beatrice. "Just so. Passing over the next three characters we have come to the equivalent

"H-i-l," said Beatrice. "Proceeding in this way I add two more letters, and the result is a woman's name, as common in Norse days as in our own." "You mean Hilda?"

"Precisely. Hilda is the first word of the inscription. Light had dawned at last. I had discovered the key to the writing, and ly. it is this: every fourth letter is to be treated as if in immediate sequence. "I instantly marked off the characters into sets of four. By taking out the first | ble by. letter in each quartette, and placing them in consecutive order, I found the result was an intelligible sentence. By treating the second letter of each quartette in like manner the sentence was continued: and so with the third and fourth letters. There could be no doubt about it. I had mastered the secret of Odin's Ring."

"And what is the secret?" said Beatrice breathlessly. Idris could not avoid smiling at her eagerness. It was pleasant to have so fair and interested a listener. "Impulsive Beatrice!" said Godfrey. "Idris may wish to keep the secret to him-"It will be very unfair, then, after having

exicted our curiosity," she retorted. "You shall have the secret," said Idris; though you will probably be as much disappointed with it as I was. There is nothing very startling in it. It does not relate under his tuition I began the study of run- old Viking and a buried treasure. This is my rendering of the Norse runes engraved "I was soon able to read all the letters of on the broad perimeter of the ancient altar-

> And here Idris drew forth a second piece of vellum and read from it as follows: "'Hilda, the Alruna, to her son, Magnus of Deira, greeting: Within the lofty tomb will be to thee for a sign. And may the "That," continued Idris, after a pause,

yet in course of time I began to think that the knowledge I had acquired might furfore the professor," asked Beatrice, "and nish me with a clew-a faint one, it is truc-towards discovering my father." "I fail to see how," observed Godfrey. "In this way. Captain Rochefort, who was instrumental in effecting my father's written in some language other than old | escape, possessed-so I have learned-a copy Norse I made incursions, not very deep, I of this runic inscription. Now, let us supfear, into Danish, Frisian, Icelandic, and pose that he and my father turned their other northern dialects, but failed to iden-lattention to its decipherment, and, like tify the inscription with any one of these | myself, succeeded. Let us further grant that they had reasons for believing that the

"At last in despair I cast aside the cau- old Viking's treasure still existed in the

"Just so. They would try to find the but yet, amid all my wanderings through | Viking's tomb. Therefore, if I, too, could "I understand. You might come upon "That is my meaning. I admit that been practiced in Norse times just as in our is a very siender thread upon which to own. Hitherto, following modern useage, I hang my hopes, but it is all that is left had always read the inscription from left | me. To find the burial place of Orm the to right; why not from right to left, as | Golden became my next object, a someancient Hebrew is read? I tried the what difficult feat, seeing that he is a person who has altogether escaped the his-"However, the cryptographic idea grew | torian's pen. However, I have succeeded." "What!" exclaimed Godfrey, incredulous-

"That they would endeavor to possess

lofty tomb of thy sire Orm, the Golden,' continued he, reading from Idris's translation of the inscription, " 'wilt thou find the treasure, won by his high arm.' There is nothing here to indicate the site of this

"There is just a hint. Magnus, the Viking's son, is said to be 'of Deira.' I infer, therefore, that the father of Orm was likewise of Deira; that in Deira he lived, in Deira he died, and in Deira he was buried. 'Look for the tomb in Deira,' became my watchword." "Deira," said Beatrice quickly. "Is not Deira the ancient name for this part of

"Yes," Godfrey answered, "and it is rather a wide area for our friend Idris to ters. I hit upon the key to the decipher- | explore, seeing that the name included all the country from the Tyne to the Humber, and from the Pennines to the sea." "True," assented Idris; "but we may narrow the area of our search considerably. These old Vikings had such love for the

> the seaboard only of Deira. "Even then you will have a coast line of more than one hundred miles to explore. "A glance at an ordnance map will help "Thus. I take it that Orm the Viking, being master of much wealth, as is clear from the words on the ring, would build for himself a dwelling or castle by the sea. Around the abode of their chief the vassals and dependants would fix theirs, thus forming the nucleus of a town. Now what name would such a place be likely to take?"

> "Well, like most town names of Norse origin it would probably end in the sylla-

"I will grant you that much-no more. "You cannot see at what I am aiming? "I am completely in the dark." "Receive a ray of light, then. Don't you think that if this Orm built a town, that town would bear his name? "Surely you are not alluding to Ormsby? "But I am. This town must have received its name from some one called Orm, and it is my belief that this Orm was none other than the Viking who figures on the runic ring. In the neighborhood of this town, then, we must look for the 'lofty tomb' of my Norse warrior. Now, four miles to the north of us, there is, so local

Ravensdale, containing-"Containing," Beatrice broke in, excitedly, "containing a rounded, artificial hillock, over fifty feet high, and known by the name of Ormfell. "Ah! I see you know it," smiled Idris.

guide-books say, a lonely valley called

"Yes, Ormfell, or Orm's Hill, is the spot where I shall find the bones of the ancient Viking. "And do you really intend," asked Beatrice, "to bore your way to the heart of

that hillock in order to see what it con-

"Such is the purpose that has brought me to Ormsby, my object being to discover whether this tumulus exhibits traces of having been recently opened. It may be that in the sepulchral chamber within the hillock I shall light upon something that will afford a clue towards discovering my father. It may be a handkerchief merely, a discarded lantern, a tool, a match-box, a button, or some other article trifling in itself, but which a skilled detective will know how to employ in tracing the man he wants. I may come even upon a pocketbook or a letter unwittingly dropped-who like. can tell? Ormfell is my last hope. Fauciful as it may appear to you, Godfrey, something seems to whisper to me that the interior of the tumulus will furnish me with the means of lifting the veil that has so long shrouded my father's fate.' There was in Idris's manner a confidence which his hearers did not like to quell by the expression of cold doubt, though they considered his expectation fanciful in the

"Do you intend to obtain the earl's sanction to make your excavations?" asked Beatrice. "Ormfell stands on the Ravengar lands, you know?" "Humph! if I should ask for permission I may meet with a refusal. In such circumstances, therefore, I feel myself justified in committing a bold trespass. "Well, if you should be caught, Mr.

Breakspear," said Beatrice with a blush,

"I will intercede for you with Lord Orms-

by, for I believe I am rather a favorite of Idris tendered her his thanks. He had almost forgot that the pretty maiden sitting beside him might one day be the inheritrix of Ravenhall, and owner of those very lands the proprietary rights of which ly. "You have discovered the burial place he was preparing to set at naught. continued Beatrice, "If you are "But." letters in the first line with those directly | reality of his existence, must have lived at | not going to apply for the earl's permission, beneath in the second, third and fourth least a thousand years ago?" And on re- how do you intend to escape observation?" O'Rourke-None av your bizness. If you lines, but with no success. I read up- ceiving a nod of affirmation, he asked, "By conducting my operations in the don't stop littin' me down Oi'll cut th' rope. wards: disappointment was still my lot. I "How did you accomplish it? Within the dead of night."

"Break into a Viking's tomb in the dead of night! What a weird idea!" "I shall not be the first who has so acted, Miss Ravengar.' "You will not object to my help, I presume?" Godfrey remarked. "On the contrary, I shall be glad of it."

"I am half disposed to join in this ro-mantic business myself," said Beatrice with a smile. "How interesting if you should discover the treasure!' "We are not very likely to discover treasure that was secreted a thousand years ago," commented Godfrey.

"And yet," said Idris, "many sepulchral barrows, opened in our day, are found to contain treasure-coins, drinking-horns, armor, and the like." "True: but in this case you forget that the words on the runic ring were an express invitation to Orm's son-what was his name, Magnus?-to possess himself of the treasure. He would not leave much

for posterity to glean." "Yes, if he received his mother's ring; but how if it miscarried? Hilda evidently lived far away from her son Magnus, else why should she have engraved her communication on metal, when she could more easily have delivered it viva voce and face to face? The messenger entrusted with the ring may have gone astray. Traveling was a difficult matter in Norse times, and many perils beset the wayfarer, especially a wayfarer who carried anything worth stealing. Or consider this point, that though Magnus was capable of understanding the runic riddle-otherwise his mother would not have adopted such a mode of communi-"My dear Idris," said Godfrey, protesting- cation-yet it does not follow that his son w can I tell?-or you either?" he or successor was equally skilled. ng, then, that Magnus was dead when the messenger arrived with the ring, there may have been no one in Deira capable of nterpreting the message. The ring might thus retain its secret, and the hillock its treasure, down to our own time."

> Beatrice's eyes rested upon the vellum containing Idris's translation of the runic "The fires of the Asas guard the her-itage for thee!" she read. "What does that mean?" "The Asas were the old Norse gods, who were supposed to dart forth flames upon any one venturing to disturb the sleep of "Then beware, Mr. Breakspear," she said playfully, "for you are going the very way to evoke their wrath. The moontide

"Possible, but not probable," smiled God-

to thee for a sign.' How do you interpret "I wish I could answer you, Miss Ravengar. That sentence is an enigma I've never been able to solve. It is my intention to pay a visit to Ormfell at noon to-morrow, when an inspection of the hillock may perhaps throw some light on the mat-

shadow of the oft-carried throne will be

Soon afterwards Beatrice retired for the night, but it was a long time before sleep came to her. She lay awake, thinking of Idris, and of the passionate look that came into his eves at the sight of the beautiful Lorelie Riviere.

CHAPTER V. "THE SHADOW OF THE OFT-CARRIED

THRONE. Four miles to the north of Ormsby lies the valley of Ravensdale, extending due east and west, with sides steep and wall-

The eastern end opens out upon the seabeach, and here the width of the valley is greatest, the distance across being about half a mile. Farther inland the breadth contracts, and the sides approach each other till they meet in a narrow leafy gorge, whence issues the slender, silvery Ravens-

The valley contains no human habitation, The only sounds that disturb the stillness are the melancholy murmur of the sea, and the occasional tinkling of sheep-bells. In the middle of the dale, and distant a tew hundred yards from the beach, rises the eminence that for centuries has borne the name of Ormfell, an eminence circular at the base, about fifty feet in height, and covered with green turf. Upon this hillock Idris was now gazing

with deep interest. It was a beautiful summer morning, and with Beatrice for his companion he had come to take a view of the tumulus, preliminary to the task of breaking into it at

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